



THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS

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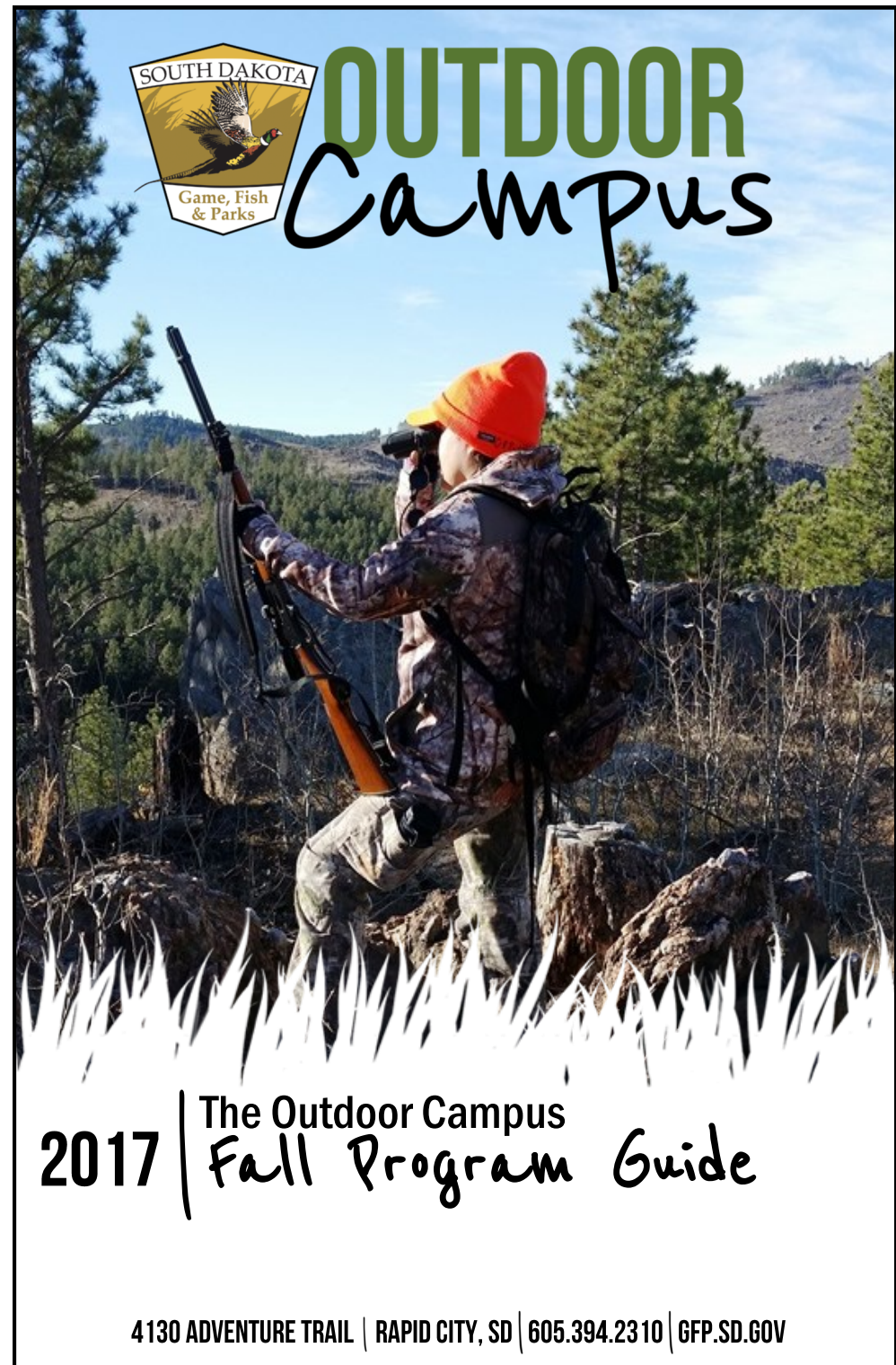


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**THANK A HUNTER OR ANGLER FOR
SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATION EFFORTS!**



GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from options in this brochure and calling 605.394.1753 or Emailing keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us for open dates and staff availability.

GROUP SIZE

A minimum of 8 is preferred; maximum is 24. Some programs may have smaller class size. Groups of 7 or smaller are encouraged to register for scheduled community programs found in this brochure.

COST

All programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PER GROUP

Only one per month to insure equal program availability to all groups.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver form will be sent with the confirmation letter.

CONFIRMATION LETTER

The group leader will receive a confirmation letter with instructions. Please be sure to read this information thoroughly!

CHAPERONES

At least one adult chaperone is required for each youth group. All adults age 16 and older chaperoning fishing programs are encouraged to have a valid SD fishing license.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

If your group has a special program request, contact Keith Wintersteen. He will try his best to accommodate your needs.

HOW TO REGISTER

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS:

September | August 14

October | September 14

November | October 12

TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

- > Visit *outdoorcampus.org*
- > Click **Rapid City**
- > Click **Register** and view program information
- > Click **Register Now**, registration is required for all programs

If you have problems, call us at 605.394.2310.

Youth programs are **FREE**. Some adult programs may have a fee for materials.

Many programs fill quickly. Please cancel as soon as possible if you cannot attend a program.

If we have an opening, we'll add a program.
Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

ME AND MY GROWN UP

3-7 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR ADULT PARTNER

Various themes will be featured throughout the fall for families to explore on their own during their Outdoor Campus visit. Stations will be set up with instructions for hands-on activities. No registration is needed. Come anytime!

Explore the stations!



YOUTH PROGRAMS AGE 3-7

Explore nature using hands-on activities with our volunteer, Kazumi Tinant

Fish

Monday	September 25	10-10:45 AM
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Apples

Monday	October 16	10-10:45 AM
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Pumpkins

Monday	October 30	10-10:45 AM
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Turkeys

Monday	November 13	10-10:45 AM
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Leaves

Monday	November 27	10-10:45 AM
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Pinecones

Monday	December 11	10-10:45 AM
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Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

WHO WE ARE



VISION - WHO DO WE STRIVE TO BE?

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will conserve our state's outdoor heritage to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

MISSION - WHAT DO WE DO?

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks provides sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship and safely connecting people with the outdoors.

VALUES

Excellence

We believe in a culture of professionalism and accountability to meet the expectations of our customers and empower staff to succeed.

Stewardship

We believe in applying biological and social sciences to conserve and respectfully manage our state's outdoor resources for current and future generations.

Integrity

We believe in being transparent and honest by promoting high ethical standards.

Compassion

We believe in the dignity of each person and genuinely care for the people we serve.

SPECIAL EVENTS

No pre-registration required

LEAVE NO TRACE

Learn the 7 principles of Leave No Trace and how they can make you better stewards of our natural resources. Hands-on activities will teach you how to Plan Ahead and Prepare; Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces; Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out); Leave What You Find; Minimize Campfire Impacts. Respect Wildlife; and Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

Saturday	September 2	10-1:00 PM
Special Presentation		2:00-3:00 PM

HALLOWEEN HIKE

Wear your costumes and come to The Outdoor Campus-West for fun, games, crafts and an evening hike. This evening is for the whole family, with hikes for both younger children, and older children and adults. (No scary haunted house!)

Friday	October 27	5-8:00 PM
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TURKEY TRIVIA TRAIL

Hike through the exhibits and along our outside trails to learn some interesting Turkey Trivia! Did you know they are related to pheasants? This is a great way to walk off those Thanksgiving treats!

Saturday	November 25	10-3:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities,. Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

SHOOTING SKILLS



Practice safety and shooting positions to become a successful hunter

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday	September 26	6:30-7:30 PM
Saturday	September 30	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
Saturday	October 14	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
Thursday	November 9	6:30-7:30 PM
Friday	November 17	6:30-7:30 PM

FAMILY

Pairs of one adult and one child 8 years old and up.

Saturday	October 14	1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective B: Enhance Hunting opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

FISHING BASICS

Learn the basic skills to become a successful angler

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Saturday	September 16	1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
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FAMILY

Saturday	September 16	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
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Saturday	October 7	10-11:00 AM 1-2:00 PM
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Saturday	October 14	10-11:00 AM 1-2:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective A: Enhance fishing opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

DATE NIGHT



Wild Game Cooking

Bring a date for a special night of cooking recipes you can try at home with your harvested game. Prepare and sample various types of game.

Friday	September 29	6-7:30 PM
Friday	October 20	6-7:30 PM
Friday	November 17	6-7:30 PM



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GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Archery

Bring friends to try out a new sport or for some friendly competition.

Friday	September 22	6:30-7:30 PM
Friday	October 6	6:30-7:30 PM
Friday	November 3	6:30-7:30 PM

Paddling

Bring friends for a relaxing evening on the pond. Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety.

Friday	September 8	6:30-7:30 PM
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Learn To Shoot A Bow!



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PADDLING



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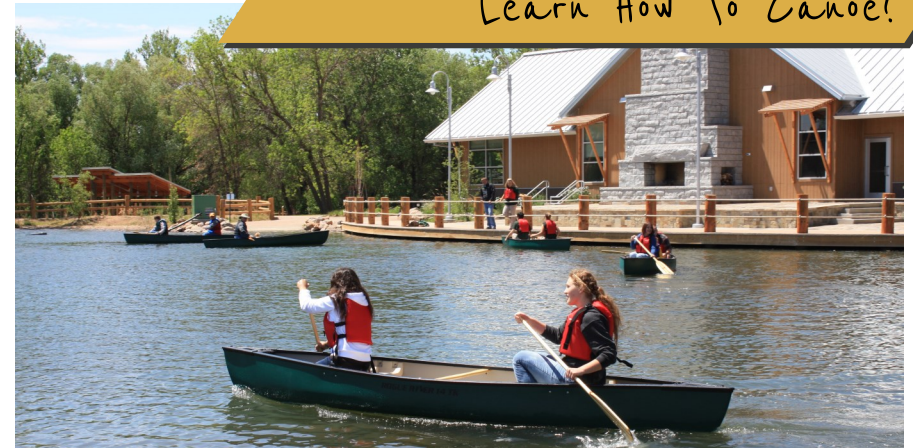
YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Saturday	September 9	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
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FAMILY

Saturday	September 9	1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
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Learn How To Canoe!



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ARCHERY SKILLS



Learn how to shoot a compound bow and archery hunting techniques

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Saturday	September 16	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
Thursday	October 12	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	November 2	6:30-7:30 PM
Saturday	November 4	11-12:00 PM 2-3:00 PM

FAMILY

Pairs of one adult and one child 8 years old and up.

Saturday	September 16	1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
Thursday	October 12	7:30-8:30 PM
Saturday	November 4	10-11:00 AM 1-2:00 PM
Thursday	November 16	6:30-7:30 PM

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ADULT

Jerky Making

Learn tips and techniques for making your wild game into jerky. Practice cutting and seasoning. Taste testing will be a bonus.

Thursday November 2 6:30-7:30

Smoking Wild Game

Learn the techniques for smoking big game, small game and fish.

Thursday November 9 6-7:30 PM

Learn How To Cook!



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COOKING PROGRAMS

FAMILY

Jerky Making

Learn tips and techniques for making your wild game into jerky. Practice cutting and seasoning. Taste testing will be a bonus.

Thursday November 16 6-7:30 PM

Wild Game Cooking

Explore different ways to prepare game you have harvested. Various cooking styles will be demonstrated.

Thursday November 30 6-7:30 PM

Watch for POP-UP Programs!



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HUNTING SKILLS



ADULT

Elk Cleaning and Processing

Learn tips and equipment needed to properly field dress and care for the meat of this huge animal!

Saturday September 9 10-11:30 AM
1-2:30 PM

Game Bird Cleaning and Processing

Learn techniques and equipment needed to properly field dress game birds.

Saturday September 23 10-11:30 AM
1-2:30 PM

Big Game Skinning and Butchering

Learn tips and equipment needed to properly skin and butcher big game.

Saturday September 30 10-12:00 PM

Virtual Shotgun Training

Practice your marksmanship to become a more successful hunter on our shotgun hunting simulator. There will be an option for live fire at the trap range after this program.

Saturday October 7 10-11:00 AM
1-2:00 PM

Friday October 13 6:30-7:30 PM

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HUNTING SKILLS



ADULT

Tracking and Trailing

Learn techniques for locating game in the field, before and after the hunt.

Saturday October 21 1-2:30 PM

Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting

Learn safety rules, regulations, tips and hands-on field dressing techniques. Bonus of the class is tasting samples of easy recipes. Option after attending class to go on a hunt.

Saturday October 21 1-2:30 PM

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Survival Basics

Learn basic survival skills that could save your life if you get lost.

Saturday October 21 10-11:30 AM
1-2:30 PM

Saturday November 18 10-11:30 AM

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FAMILY

Game Bird Cleaning and Processing

Learn techniques and equipment needed to properly field dress game birds.

Thursday September 21 6:30-8:00 PM

Survival Basics

Learn basic survival skills that could save your life if you get lost.

Thursday October 19 6-7:30 PM

Saturday November 18 1-2:30 PM

Tracking and Trailing

Learn techniques for locating game in the field, before and after the hunt.

Saturday October 21 10-11:30 AM

Saturday November 4 10-11:00 AM
1-2:00 PM

Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting

Learn safety rules, regulations, tips and hands-on field dressing techniques. Bonus of the class is tasting samples of easy recipes. Option after attending class to go on a hunt.

Saturday October 28 1-2:00 PM

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